

CLAIMS

1. A device for preventing theft of a camera assembly mounted on a tree, said assembly comprising instruments including a camera and a case substantially enclosing said instruments, said case having peripheral sides and a front side having defined therein openings providing external access to viewing instruments;

said device comprising a housing including top and bottom sides, left and right sides and a front side, said front side comprising;

a frame open at a central location allowing viewing by said instruments and the frame overlapping the instruments so as to preclude removal thereof from the front;

said bottom side at a rear location thereof connected to a first vertical and upwardly extending bracket having defined therein an opening including an enlarged lower portion allowing passage of said bracket over a lag bolt head and a narrower passage allowing sliding vertical movement, but not movement away from the tree so that the first bracket may be hooked over the first lag bolt and pulled downward into position;

said top side at a rear location thereof connected to a second vertical and upwardly extending bracket having defined therein an opening for receiving a second lag bolt connecting said second bracket to said tree, a hub connected to said second bracket and disposed around a head of said second lag bolt, precluding access to the second bolt in a radial direction and a plug lock engageable with said hub, precluding access in an axial direction.

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1 2. The device as defined in Fig. 1 wherein each of said left and right sides of
2 said housing includes a rearwardly extending triangular portion having a point
3 at a middle position, said triangular portion adapted to be driven into or bent
4 around the said tree.

1 3. The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said frame of said front side
2 includes narrow portions at left, right and top locations and a wide portion
3 across a bottom location.

1 4. The device as defined in Fig. 1 wherein each of said brackets comprises a
2 bent- over extension portion of a horizontally extending top or bottom housing
3 member.

1 5. The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said hub comprises a a tubular
2 member having a first end mounted on said bracket axially with relation to said
3 second lag bolt and a second end disposed to receive a plug lock.

1 6. The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said hub includes a slot defined
2 therein and and said plug lock includes a catch engaging said slot.

1 7. The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said narrower portion of said
2 opening in said first bracket extends upward from said wider portion.

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